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### **IDAHO STATE AGENCIES ISSUE NOTICES OF VIOLATION, NON-COMPLIANCE TO DOUBLE C FARMS**

(BOISE) As a result of a routine livestock facility waste inspection, conducted by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture ("ISDA") on May 23, 2005, ISDA, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") are conducting investigations into the operation of Double C Farms located near Oakley, Idaho.

The investigation thus far has resulted in the ISDA issuing a Notice of Noncompliance for alleged violations of the Idaho Beef Cattle Environmental Control Act. In addition, the ISDA has issued a Notice of Violation for alleged violations of the Idaho Pesticides and Chemigation Act.

The IDWR has issued separate Notices of Violation alleging violations of the Idaho Waste Disposal and Injection Wells Act and Idaho's water appropriation statutes. The IDWR and ISDA found irrigation wells in which the operators were allegedly injecting surface and run-off water into groundwater. Additionally, IDWR determined that 549 acres of land were being irrigated without valid water rights.

DEQ is continuing its investigations of unauthorized solid waste disposal and potential groundwater contamination associated with the injection of fluids from operations at the Double C Farms.

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